



## ABOUT WARD 4

*Tucson's Ward 4 is represented by Council Member Shirley C. Scott. Shirley has represented the Ward since 1995 and is honored to continue serving the constituents of Ward 4 and the City of Tucson.*

## In the Know

### Giving

So we all know how thanksgiving got started, we've been to history class. However, did you know that according to the Guinness Book of World Records, the largest pumpkin pie ever baked weighed 2,020 pounds and measured just over 12 feet long. It was baked on October 8, 2005 by the New Bremen Giant Pumpkin Growers in Ohio, and included 900 pounds of pumpkin, 62 gallons of evaporated milk, 155 dozen eggs, 300 pounds of sugar, 3.5 pounds of salt, 7 pounds of cinnamon, 2 pounds of pumpkin spice and 250 pounds of crust. You could swim in that pie, delish!



The part about Thanksgiving, besides the pie, that is also enjoyable is the giving part. If you are looking to donate this year, there are two great non-profits that could always use the help.

The Community Food Bank is looking for holiday bonus items like stuffing mix, canned yams, cranberry sauce, canned pumpkin pie mix, and all those other seasonal holiday items. And because of the rise in cost, they are asking for peanut butter donations.

If you can splurge a little more, maybe buy a pie or turkey and donate it to the Salvation Army for their FREE Thanksgiving Community Meal. Here are is a list of items they need:

### Turkeys

Large boxes of Turkey stuffing, Instant Potatoes

Big cans of green beans, sweet potatoes/yams, cranberry sauce, brown gravy

Assorted Pies (pre-cooked)

Whipped Cream or Topping

Small milk cartons (individual size), gallon milk (whole or 2%)

Block butter, eggs and Hawaiian rolls

If you or any one you know are in need of a meal this Thanksgiving, then join the Salvation Army on Thanksgiving Day at St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church (1145 E. Ft. Lowell Rd.) from 11am-1:30pm.

We here at Ward 4 wish you a very Happy Thanksgiving!

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## Camel Not Caramel

Will it be one hump or two? Well in this case it's one. We recently got some camels, well not Ward 4, but the Reid Park Zoo did. They welcomed four male dromedary (one hump) camels to the former elephant exhibit. These are fascinating creatures. They can store up to 80lbs of fat, which they can break down into energy and water when sustenance is not available. They can also travel up to 100 miles in the desert. That's incredible!

Another incredible thing is that you will not only get to view these magnificent animals, but you will also get to set atop of them. That's right; the Zoo is now offering camel rides. You can purchase a \$7 (per person) ticket at the front gate or at the camel platform. It's a great way to see a camel's perspective of the Zoo. And in case you were wondering, the two-humped camel is called a Bactrain camel.



## Holiday Safety



During this time of year we might get a little crazy! Ok, let's just take out the might and say we do get crazy. It's holiday season, which means we are bombarded with sales ads, go here for that person, do this for the other, traffic is more congested than ever, you have to wait 30 minutes just to pay for a pair of socks and kids running around and screaming. It's just chaos! While we can forget a lot of things, one thing NOT to forget about is safety. Just as you are out and about, so are criminals. Here are a few tips from TPD to help remind you on how to be safe this holiday season.

When you're shopping - Be alert and aware of what's going on around you. Walk confidently, with your head up. Stay in well-lit and well-traveled areas. Just remember, places with large crowds are favorites for thieves and pickpockets.

If you carry a purse - Keep it in front of you and close to your body. Never leave it in a shopping cart or on a counter while you pay for your purchases. Make sure the purse is not left open, zip it closed. Don't put your purse on the floor in public restrooms where it can be easily grabbed.

If you carry a wallet - Put the wallet in an inside coat or front pants pocket. Never carry large amounts of money. If at all possible, use a credit card/debit card or write a check. Try to take only the credit cards you are planning on using. Make sure that only one credit slip is printed with your credit card.

If you're shopping with kids - Teach them to go to a store clerk or Police Officer/Security Guard if you get separated.

Parking and Storage - Secure your car and park as close to your destination as possible in a well-lit area. Store your packages in the trunk of the car and not on the back seat. Have your car keys ready, in hand, before you get to your car. You do not want to be wrestling around with packages (or texting) and be distracted. Look around as you approach your vehicle. Check to see what is parked next to you and who is in the vehicle.

Before you leave your home - Be extra cautious about locking doors and windows when you leave, even if it's just for a few minutes. Try not to leave gifts and packages displayed where they can be seen from outside your home. Empty boxes can reveal what you received for Christmas; try to disassemble them so they fit in your recycle container. Leave a radio or TV on as well as lights. If at all possible, let your friend or a neighbor know you will be gone for a short/long period of time.

All this information can be overwhelming and even scary, but it's better to take precaution. Be safe this Holiday Season!



## Dedicate Trees

Commemorative trees are available for purchase through Tucson Clean & Beautiful for \$225 each, including the tree, irrigation lines and number marker installation, name dedication at a commemorative plaza, dedication certificate and guaranteed replacement. Tree dedications are partially tax-deductible. Trees may be purchased for dedication to honor /remember any friend, family member, or for any other special occasion.

An upcoming dedication ceremony will include a reading of the names for which trees have been dedicated. A walking tour of newly dedicated trees concludes the ceremony. The Ceremony will take place on Friday, December 5, 2014, from 11am-noon. Location will be at, Pantano River - Garden of the Families (2500 S. Pantano Pkwy).

If you have any questions or would like to purchase a tree, please contact, B.J. Cordova at [bj.cordova@tucsonaz.gov](mailto:bj.cordova@tucsonaz.gov), (520) 837-6832 or visit [www.tucsoncleanandbeautiful.org](http://www.tucsoncleanandbeautiful.org) for more information.

## Grease Collection

Three reasons why you don't want to dump the grease from your Thansgiving down the drain.

- 1) It can clog your pipes
- 2) It can force you to pay for a costly repair
- 3) It can cause raw sewage to backup into your home

So instead of putting a hole in your wallet, try doing one of these two things. Pour your grease, let it cool down first, into a container and toss it into the trash OR do the #1 thing which is to take it to a grease collection site.



On Friday, Nov. 28th from 9am-1pm, you can take your grease to be recycled into biodiesel to any of the following locations.

East - O'Reilly Cheverolet - 6160 E. Broadway Blvd.  
 Midtown - City Council Ward 3 Office - 1510 E. Grant Rd.  
 Northwest - Pima Vocational High School - 5025 W. Ina Rd.  
 South Tucson - Water Plant #2 - 1102 W. Irvington Rd.  
 Sahuarita - Sahuarita Town Hall Complex - 375 W. Sahuarita Center Way

Pima County's website has more information on grease dumping including other locations where you can grease dump year round. They also have other great information, on what you shouldn't put down your drains including disposable wipes. You can find more info by checking out their webpage at [1.usa.gov/1uqqGKI](http://1.usa.gov/1uqqGKI).

## Spring Is Near

Ever thought about taking a pottery class. Working with clay has been known to be very therapeutic, as well as getting your creative juices flowing. There are pottery classes offered to young tots as old as 3 years young, and classes offered to the most advanced. If pottery isn't your type of mold, then check out the Parks and Rec Spring guide, they have many classes and programs that might interest you.

The Spring 2015 Program Guide and Class Catalog has been published and is available for pick up at all Parks and Recreation facilities and at the Ward 4 Office. The program guide can also be viewed on-line at [1.usa.gov/1vkOHEg](http://1.usa.gov/1vkOHEg). The program guide contains information on leisure classes, KIDCO after-school program, aquatics, sports programs, registration and much more.

Remember there is a discount program for City Residents. The discount enables low-income residents to pay a 50% discounted fee on selected programs and 25% for selected passes. That's a pretty good deal! There are mulituple ways to register, check out the website above to find all options available. Enjoy your Spring!

## Roll-Off

The Environmental Services Neighborhood Clean-up program has some great news for the Neighborhoods and Homeowner Associations; you will no longer be annually limited to eight roll-off boxes. Woohoo! Also, any group of ten ES residential customers will be able to request a roll-off for a clean-up event. If that's not enough, Neighborhood Associations are eligible to reserve tools from Tucson Clean and Beautiful such as; rakes, shovels, digging bars, or supplies like trash bags and gloves. Another addition, city registered Neighborhood Associations (NA) will be able to request post card notifications to be sent to their residents once per year.

So gather 10 buddies, get the neighborhood kids involved, or even use the Nextdoor.com website to help organize a clean-up in your neighborhood. Just think, you will get to know who your neighbors are, you will be doing something good for your neighborhood, and it will make you feel warm and fuzzy inside! If you would like more information or would like to fill out an application, you can check out the ES web page at <http://1.usa.gov/1zVfOHw>.

## Coming Up...

### Wine Gone Wild - Grapes for Apes

Fri., Nov. 21, 6-9pm, Reid Park Zoo



Sample a variety of wines, enjoy music from Bariel Ayala and R&P Music Factory, sample delicious food and encounter some of their education animals.

### Special Olympics El Tour de Tucson

Sat., Nov. 22, 7am, Across City of Tucson

America's largest perimeter bicycling event with 104- 75-, 55-, 40-mile rides, and Fun Rides. El Tour is a fun adventure ride attracting 9,000 cyclists of all ages and abilities from throughout the United States and worldwide. If you would like to participate or check out the route map, follow this link <http://bit.ly/1ub8G5e> for more info.



### Holiday Artisans Market

Sat. – Sun., Nov. 21 – Nov. 23, 10:00 AM to Tucson Museum of Art, 140 N. Main Ave. The Tucson Museum of Art hosts more than 100 of the Southwest's finest artists and artisans who display their works and wares. Free admission!

### Santa's Calling

Dec. 2 - 4

Children ages 3-8 can have a chance to talk to Santa! Guardians can get Santa Calling forms from any City of Tucson administration Office or Recreation Facility. Forms MUST be turned in no later than Friday, November 28th!

### Holiday Arts & Crafts Fair in Reid Park

Sat. – Sun., Nov. 29-30, 9am-4pm, DeMeester Outdoor Performance Center, 900 S. Randolph Way

The Annual Holiday Arts and Crafts Fair in Reid Park will be held Thanksgiving weekend. 135 artisans and food vendors will be at the DeMeester Outdoor Performance Center, which is accessible from Country Club and Concert Place. Admission is FREE!



### Kirkland's Grand Opening

Sat. Nov. 22, 9am, 9580 E. 22nd St.

Home décor retailer, Kirkland's Inc., will host a grand opening at its new Tucson location. If you don't have any plans, swing by!

## In the 411

Eastside Police Substation – 791-5700

9670 E. Golf Links

For additional information in regards to tickets or other departments within the Tucson Police Department log on to <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/police>

Transportation (TDOT) - 791-4259

201 N. Stone Ave. 5th Floor.

Got a question about construction, traffic, streets, graffiti removal, landscaping, stormwater, RTA or anything along these lines? Visit <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/transportation> to get more info.

Environmental Services - 791-3171

Information on trash, recycling, landfills, brush and bulky and even neighborhood cleanups is what you can find here. They even do Hazardous Household Waste Collections. Visit <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/es> for more info.

Tucson Water - 791-4331

310 W. Alameda St.

Have questions on billing, water conservation, water quality or general service, then call the public info line or check out <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/water>

William Clements Center - 791-5787 or 791-4730

8155 E. Poinciana

There is a lot happening here! Additional information, including calendar of events, go to <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/parksandrec/clements>

Miller-Golf Links Branch Library - 594-5355

9640 E. Golf Links Rd

Get info of scheduled events or what's currently happening at this library. Better yet go to [www.library.pima.gov/locations/golflinks](http://www.library.pima.gov/locations/golflinks)

Pima Council on Aging - 790-7262

8467 E. Broadway

This is a great place that offers programs and services to older adults and their families living in Pima County. Learn more about this great organization by going to [www.pcoa.org](http://www.pcoa.org)

Code Enforcement - 791 - 5843

310 N. Commerce Park Loop

Chapter 16 and 3 fo the City Code is what they enforce. If you suspect property or housing violations within the City give them a buzz or go online for more information or to make a complaint at <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/hcd/code-enforcement>

Graffiti Removal Program - 792 - 2489

If you see someone "tagging" call 911. If The graffiti is already there, then call the number above to report it. Check out <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/graffiti> for more information on removal or reporting.

